

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-16 and 20-30 are pending consideration in the application with claims 1, 5, 11, 13 and 21 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 5, 11, 13 and 20 are sought to be amended. Claims 4, 9, 10, 17-19 and 31 are canceled. These changes are believed to add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the present application.

The prior art rejections of Office Action pages 2-18 are traversed.

Claims 17-19 and 31 are canceled, thereby rendering moot their respective rejections.

All of the remaining claims are believed allowable for the following reasons.

The Examiner has kindly allowed claims 21-30.

The Examiner has kindly indicated allowable subject matter in claim 4 (which depends directly from claim 1) and claims 9-11 (each of which depends directly from claim 5, which depends directly from claim 1). Therefore, an allowable independent claim would include the combined features of:

- (i) claims 1 and 4 (4 recites a first film composition);
- (ii) claims 1, 5 and 9 or 10 (9 & 10 recite second and third film compositions);
and
- (iii) claims 1, 5 and 11.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the combined features of claims 1 and 4, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 5 is amended to incorporate the combined features of claims 1, 5 and 9 or 10, and is therefore now allowable.

Claim 11 is amended to incorporate the combined features of claims 1, 5 and 11, and is therefore allowable.

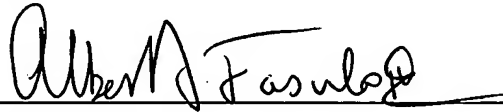
Claim 13 is amended to include the combined features of claims 1 and 5, and any one of claims 4, 9 and 10. Therefore, amended claim 13 is allowable.

All of the claims depending from allowable independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 13 are also allowable.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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